



Welcome to the September edition of the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

#### **September Club Meeting - September 5th, Stratford Town Center**

We hope that you enjoyed the summer and are ready to get back in the swing of things for the fall season. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, September 5th, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2023 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2022 and 2023 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last few months we've learned about alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, and HF antennas in the field. At this month's meeting we're going to discuss our upcoming flea market, our new classes, and several other topics!

#### **In-Person Basic Course - September 11th, Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown**

We are offering another Basic Amateur course, starting September 11th and running to November 6th 2023. Invitation and reminder emails have gone out and we have over a dozen confirmed students for the fall class! The first round of exams will follow, likely on Monday November 13th. The exam session will also be available for anyone wanting to improve their Basic score, or write the Advanced. As always, exams are free! Let Brent, VY2HF, know if you are interested in taking an exam.

### **RAC Online Basic Course**

For those unable to attend classes with us in person, RAC is once again offering their online version of the basic course, which will run from September 24th to November 30th. Cost is the same as our course (\$50 tuition) and they use the same book, however ordering the book individually will cost more than buying a book through the club (\$50). More information can be found at:

<https://rac.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1cc2ce962688ad6bb6db0d414&id=50d9d44976&e=65f97ec700>. As usual, the course will be presented by our eminent RAC Atlantic Director Al Penney, VO1NO.

### **Moncton Flea Market - September 23rd, Riverview Lions Club**

The Moncton-Area Amateur Radio Club will be hosting its annual flea market on September 23rd, at the Riverview Lions Club on Coverdale Road in Riverview, NB. Vendors will be admitted at 8 a.m. and doors open to everyone at 9 a.m. Admission is \$10 for sellers and \$5 for buyers. As usual, the flea market will feature door prizes, a 50/50 and a raffle as well. For more information see the Club's website at <https://www.maarc.ca/>

### **NEAR-Fest - October 13th-14th, Deerfield, NH**

The fall 2023 version of the New England Amateur Radio Festival will be held on 13-14 October 2023 at the Deerfield Fair Grounds near Manchester, New Hampshire. More information is at: <https://near-fest.com/>

### **Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club - FLEA MARKET - October 21st, Sherwood Recreation Center**

Mark October 21st in your calendar for the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Flea Market. It will be held at the Sherwood Recreation Center, on Maple Street, beside the Cody Banks arena. Vendors can reserve tables for \$10 each and can begin setting up at 9:00 a.m. Regular admission for buyers/attendees starts at 10:00 a.m. and cost will be \$2. The flea market will go until 1:00 pm., followed by one or more hands-on club activities. Tentative plans include our Morse code kit building session (finally!), and a fox hunt.

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - September**

5: Monthly club meeting

6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesday night 2M nets, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s).

7, 14, 21, 28: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000).

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

4: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

### **PEI and BC Leading Amateur Radio Growth in Canada!**

In the September/October issue of *TCA magazine*, Regulatory Affairs Officer Dave Goodwin, VE3KG, reported on the health of Amateur Radio involvement in Canada. On Page 29, Dave wrote the following:

#### **BC and PEI Lead Growth**

Comparing the rate of growth of the Amateur population by province and territory gets complicated because of the highly uneven distribution of our population.

One thing is absolutely clear. Amateur Radio in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island is growing at rate vastly ahead of the rest of Canada. While BC has 14% of Canada's population, 35% of the new Amateurs in Canada live in that province. PEI, with 0.4% of the national population, had 1% of the growth. In both provinces, Amateur Radio is growing at a rate 2.5 times their share of the population.

Ontario, with over a third of Canada's population, and almost three times the population of BC, had fewer new Amateurs: 521 new Amateurs in BC vs 456 in Ontario. This is not a one-off: for years, we have seen similar numbers. BC and PEI Amateurs, clubs and training have done a remarkable job of recruiting and helping people become Radio Amateurs. Bravo!

### **RAC AGM**

The Radio Amateurs of Canada held a successful Annual General Meeting in Halifax last month, in conjunction with the Halifax Amateur Radio Club's 90th anniversary. Many of RAC's sessions were recorded, and can be viewed now on their YouTube channel. Sessions included [remote operation](#), [regulatory updates](#), [public service communications](#), and much more. For a full list of videos, [visit: https://www.youtube.com/@radioamateursofcanada/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@radioamateursofcanada/streams)

### **Exam Standards Committee**

RAC's exam review committee has been meeting regularly and is preparing a revision of the entire Basic question bank to ISED for review.

### **Upcoming Contests**

September is a very active month for radio contesting. The [September VHF contest](#) runs from the 9th to the 11th and will run on all bands from six meters and up. The [ARRL EME](#) (Moonbounce) contest is September 9th to 10th, so it will be a busy weekend indeed. There are several QSO parties planned, and the [CQ RTTY](#) contest is taking place on the September 23-24 weekend.

### **Future Events**

1-30 September: "Canadian Straight Key Month" with special call sign VC3K

3 October: Monthly CARC meeting, Stratford Town Center

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at [secretary@charlottetownarc.com](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).